Amendments to the Claims/Listing Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application. By the present communication, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 2-10 and 12-20 have been maintained in their original or previously presented form.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;

positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing;

positioning a tubular liner within the borehole that overlaps with ~~and is coupled to~~ at least a portion of the second wellbore casing;

coupling the tubular liner to the second wellbore casing by radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular liner against the second wellbore casing;

extending the length of the borehole;

decoupling the tubular liner from the second wellbore casing and removing the tubular liner from the borehole; and

positioning a third wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the second wellbore casing.

2. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the first and second wellbore casings; and

radially expanding and plastically deformingthe portion of the second wellbore casing that does not overlap with the first wellbore casing.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the inside diameters of the first wellbore casing and the second wellbore casing are substantially equal.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the inside diameters of the first wellbore casing and the second wellbore casing are substantially constant.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the second and third wellbore casings; and

radially expanding and plastically deforming the portion of the third wellbore casing that does not overlap with the second wellbore casing.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the inside diameters of the second wellbore casing and the third wellbore casing are substantially equal.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the inside diameters of the second wellbore casing and the third wellbore casing are substantially constant.

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the second and third wellbore casings; and

radially expanding and plastically deforming the portion of the third wellbore casing that does not overlap with the second wellbore casing.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the inside diameters of the first, second, and third wellbore casings are substantially equal.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the inside diameters of the first,

second, and third wellbore casings are substantially constant.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;

means for positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing;

means for positioning a tubular liner within the borehole that overlaps with ~~and is coupled to~~ at least a portion of the second wellbore casing;

means for coupling the tubular liner to the second wellbore casing by radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular liner against the second wellbore casing;

means for extending the length of the borehole;

means for decoupling the tubular liner from the second wellbore casing and removing the tubular liner from the borehole; and

means for positioning a third wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the second wellbore casing.

12. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the first and second wellbore casings; and

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the portion of the second wellbore casing that does not overlap with the first wellbore casing.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the inside diameters of the first wellbore casing and the second wellbore casing are substantially equal.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the inside diameters of the first wellbore casing and the second wellbore casing are substantially constant.

15. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the second and third wellbore casings; and

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the portion of the third wellbore casing that does not overlap with the second wellbore casing.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the inside diameters of the second wellbore casing and the third wellbore casing are substantially equal.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the inside diameters of the second wellbore casing and the third wellbore casing are substantially constant.

18. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the overlapping portions of the second and third wellbore casings; and

means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the portion of the third wellbore casing that does not overlap with the second wellbore casing.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the inside diameters of the first, second, and third wellbore casings are substantially equal.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the inside diameters of the first, second, and third wellbore casings are substantially constant.